



**For Immediate Release
March 2, 2006**

**Contacts: Vanessa Gulati
617-626-1119**

**STATE TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR THE NATIONAL MONUMENT TO THE FOREFATHERS**

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has announced a public meeting to discuss the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the National Monument to the Forefathers. The meeting is an opportunity for the public to comment on draft RMP for the monument and associated site.

The public meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 16, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the Mayflower II Room at Plymouth Town Hall, 11 Lincoln Street, in Plymouth.

At the public meeting DCR will provide an overview of the Resource Management Planning Program and the development of the plan for the National Monument to the Forefathers. There will also be a presentation by the Walker Kluesing Design Group consultant team regarding the property's natural, cultural and physical resources. The consultant will present a summary of findings from the RMP inventory and analysis and the draft management recommendations for the natural and cultural resource stewardship, along with guidelines management, maintenance, operations, and public use.

The National Monument to the Forefathers is located on a 10.66-acre, largely wooded hilltop overlooking downtown Plymouth. Constructed in the second half of the 19th Century, the monument and site came under the care of DCR in 2001 when it was deeded to the Commonwealth by the Pilgrim Society. The historically significant property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

###

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS · EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Department of Conservation and Recreation
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600
Boston MA 02114-2119
617-626-1250 617-626-1351 Fax
www.mass.gov/dcr



Mitt Romney
Governor

Kerry Healey
Lt. Governor

Stephen R. Pritchard, Secretary
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

Stephen H. Burrington, Commissioner
Department of Conservation & Recreation